

Boucher FY 2011 Appropriations Requests

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Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies

Project Name: □ **Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Geographic Information Systems Laboratory**

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□ **\$310,000**

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ **Dabney S. Lancaster Community College**

1000 Dabney Drive

Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422

Explanation of the Request: The funding would be used to create a state-of-the-art Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Laboratory at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College that will enhance the College's Forestry Technology AAS Degree Program and promote the creation of a new certificate option to meet current and prospective employer demands. The College's Forestry Technology Program is the only two-year forestry program in the state of Virginia and the only two-year program in the state that is recognized by the Society of American Foresters.

Project Name: Sustainable Engineered Materials from Renewable Resources (SEMRR)

Amount: ██████████\$800,000

Recipient: ██████████Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

219 Burruss Hall (0116)

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Explanation of the Request: The funding would be used for the Sustainable Engineered Materials from Renewable Resources (SEMRR) initiative at Virginia Tech. The SEMRR initiative is designed to ensure an economically and environmentally sustainable supply of renewable resources for building construction materials and allied products. The SEMRR will study the long-range economic and environmental effect of reducing industrial timberland requirements by decreasing dependence on lumber products and introducing high-yield composite products.

Project Name: █ Biodesign and Bioprocessing Research Center

Amount: ██████████\$950,000

Recipient: ██████████ **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

219 Burruss Hall (0116)

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Explanation of the Request: The funding would be used for Virginia Tech for the Biodesign and Bioprocessing Research Center's (BRPC) research. The Center will enhance the capabilities and economic viability of farmers, agribusiness industries and the forest products industry by conducting cutting edge basic and applied research for production of organic crops; the design, production and recovery of industrial enzymes and pharmaceuticals from transgenic crops; and for conversion of agricultural wastes to value-added products such as advanced biofuels, fertilizers and other industrial products.

Project Name:██ **Center for Inland Marine Aquaculture**

Amount: ████████████████ **\$830,000**

Recipient: ██████████ **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

219 Burruss Hall (0116)

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Explanation of the Request: The funding would be used to strengthen an existing public/private partnership with West Virginia University and aquaculture industry. The structured and collaborative partnerships which will be furthered by this funding will enable the development of a vertically integrated seafood production industry. The seafood production facilities will utilize state-of-the-art recirculation aquaculture systems to grow millions of pounds of fish and shellfish using environmentally sustainable methods that also contribute to alternative energy production. The ability to produce domestic seafood inland provides a tremendous opportunity to ensure an abundant supply of safe seafood while creating an industry that provides economic benefits for Virginia and West Virginia.

Project Name: Equine Health Research

Amount: \$300,000

Recipient: Virginia Intermont College

1013 Moore Street

Bristol, Virginia 24201

Explanation of the Request: This project would fund equine health research, including purchasing needed additional research equipment, faculty salaries, and student aid.

Virginia Intermont College provides a high quality, comprehensive education to 150 future equine professionals each year.

Graduates work in every part of the horse industry as trainers, riding instructors, barn managers, facilities managers, veterinarians, and more, helping to generate jobs and revenue while improving the care and condition of our horses.

Virginia Intermont is the only college in Virginia and one of the few in the world that conducts equine health related research at the undergraduate level.

This research provides information that benefits the entire global equine community.

Project Name: Reading is Fundamental

Amount: \$25,000,000

Recipient: Reading is Fundamental

1825 Connecticut Avenue

Washington, DC 20009

Explanation of the Request: The funding will be used for purposes authorized in Section 5451 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Reading is Fundamental enhances child literacy by providing millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement.

Defense

Project Name: □ Reachback Decision Informatics Research Program

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□\$4,000,000

Recipient: □□□□□□□□Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

219 Burruss Hall (0116)

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Explanation of the Request: The Reachback Decision Informatics research program will develop a necessary advanced high performance computing platform to provide real time data to decision makers on any location in the U.S. that might suffer a CBNT attack.

This cutting-edge modeling and simulation platform will bring together infrastructure, population, epidemiological, social, and economic data to assist in both counter-CBNT and post-event responses.

It will become the standard Reachback tool for DTRA in its mission of counter CBNT support for DOD, COCOMS, and civilian response agencies.

This research and development project will result in (1) advanced, high-performance computing-based analytical and services software, (2) methods and formal foundations for assisted complex system decision support, and (3) a trained core group of experts necessary for use and continued development of new DTRA Reachback Decision informatics products.

Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

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Project Name: □ **Grayson County Communications Upgrade Project**

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□ **\$299,500**

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ **Grayson County Sheriff's Office**

Post Office Box 160

Independence, Virginia 24348

Explanation of the Request: The Grayson County Sheriff's Office is in the in process of updating its communication system and has identified specific needs to maximize its efficiency.

Funds would be used to purchase upgrades to or placement of communications buildings at the Point Lookout and Whitetop radio towers respectively with propane generators at each, additional laptops in order to equip the entire sworn force with mobile data access, interoperable data communication with other law enforcement agencies through CapWin, and P25 compliant mobile and portable radios.

Project Name: □ Buchanan County Technology Improvement Program

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□\$75,000

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ Buchanan County Sheriffs' Office

Post Office Box 970

Grundy, Virginia 24614

Explanation of the Request: The Buchanan County Sheriffs' Office is proposing to enhance their criminal information systems in an effort to create an information system that transfers case related data from point to point through the criminal justice cycle making it readily available for access. Currently the Buchanan County Sheriffs' Office has central servers, workstations, and laptops that have become obsolete due to age and are at substantial risk of catastrophic data loss and server failure.

Funds would be used for the enhancement and replacement of outdated software and computer systems, elimination of costly proprietary software applications not capable of future interfaces to current systems, integration of jail information and police reports to improve public safety emergency responses and officer safety, integration improvements to State criminal justice information systems, and hiring a project coordinator to implement the program.

Project Name: □ Enhanced Fingerprint Identification Technology

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□\$1,000,000

Recipient: ██████████ **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

219 Burruss Hall

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Explanation of the Request: Funding would be used by Virginia Tech for Enhanced Fingerprint Identification Technology. Fingerprint identification is one of the most common and important identification and exoneration methods used in criminal investigations and legal prosecutions, and recent research indicates that new technology can be used in conjunction with traditional fingerprint identification powder to enable law enforcement, from the body oils and moisture of a fingerprint, to identify the age and gender of the perpetrator, as well as whether he or she has legal and/or illegal drugs in his or her system, whether he or she is a tobacco user, and whether there is explosive material residue on the fingerprint. Funds would be used for the design, planning and conduct of comprehensive validation studies, including faculty and graduate student salaries, operating and maintenance of a sophisticated mass spectrometer, and the purchase of necessary equipment, materials and supplies.

Project Name:██ **New River Valley Emergency System**

Amount: ████████████████ **\$650,000**

Recipient: ██████████ **Montgomery County, Virginia**

755 Roanoke Street

Explanation of the Request: Funding would be used by Montgomery County, Virginia for a joint regional effort to provide interoperable communications among a number of law enforcement agencies located in the New River Valley in Virginia.

Local agencies in the area are working collaboratively to institute a centralized emergency dispatch system and communications network which will enable officials from the various agencies to communicate more easily.

The funding would enable the purchase of equipment to establish an interoperable communications system among the law enforcement agencies in the Town of Blacksburg, the Town of Christiansburg, Montgomery County, the City of Radford, Radford University, and Virginia Tech.

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Project Name: ☐ Northern Tazewell County Regional Wastewater Project

Amount: \$**1,329,328**

Recipient: ██████████Tazewell County Public Service Authority

Post Office Box 190

North Tazewell, Virginia 24630

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used by Tazewell County, Virginia for continuation of a regional wastewater project. The funding would be used for construction and related services associated with the replacement of the main sewer interceptor line and all appurtenances.

Project Name: Fairwood Horse Camp

Amount: \$7,400,000

Recipient: United States Forest Service

1400 Independence Avenue SW

Washington, DC 20250

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used to design and construct the Fairwood Horse Camp in Grayson County, Virginia. The proposed camp is being planned to replace two existing horse camps which are heavily used and immediately adjacent to Route 603 (Mount Rogers Scenic Byway) and the Fox Creek watershed.

The high public use at the camps is causing adverse effects on the Fox Creek watershed, and the existing facility does not meet the public demand for camping in the area.

The new camp would be located across the road and would provide a high quality camping experience which would not adversely affect the Fox Creek watershed.

The funds I am requesting would enable the Forest Service to design and construct the facility including necessary trail connectors.

Project Name: □ Clinch Powell Clean Rivers Initiative

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□\$1,500,000

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ United States Geological Survey

12201 Sunrise Valley Drive

Reston, Virginia 20192, USA

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used by the United States Geological Survey's Eastern Region Initiative on the Clinch (ERIC) to provide the critical information necessary to ascertain and then address the decline in aquatic diversity (especially freshwater mussels) in the Clinch and Powell Rivers. The funds would be used to advance ongoing water quality and biological monitoring efforts in the Clinch Powell River Basin in southwestern Virginia and eastern Tennessee, and provide data necessary for the implementation of a science plan developed under the Clinch Powell Clean Rivers Initiative.

Amount: \$250,000

303 Main Street

New Castle, Virginia 24127

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used to complete a feasibility study and plan for the renovation of a former manufacturing facility in Craig County, Virginia.

The County has acquired a facility which it hopes to develop into a small business incubator, and the County has received numerous inquiries from budding entrepreneurs interested in an incubator facility.

The funding would be used to study the feasibility of converting the County's building into a

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Incubation project

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□\$200,000

Recipient: □□□□□□□□**Virginia Highlands Community College**

100 VHCC Drive

Abingdon, Virginia 24212

Explanation of the Request: The funding would be used to purchase and install equipment and develop curriculum for an Energy Technology and Small Business Incubation project.

The program will include courses in a variety of alternative energy technologies and will provide participants with opportunities for cooperative experiences through partnerships with businesses at the recently established Southwest Virginia Clean Energy Research and Development Center.

The College will provide non-federal matching funds and will make use of \$8 million provide by the Commonwealth of Virginia to the Southwest Virginia Clean Energy Research and Development Center.

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

100 VHCC Drive

Abingdon, Virginia 24210

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used by Virginia Highlands Community College (VHCC) to purchase equipment and develop curriculum to train students for jobs that meet the needs of the surrounding energy industry. VHCC applied successfully to the Virginia State Board for Community Colleges requesting approval of a new program in Energy Technology.

This new program will offer courses in a variety of alternative technologies including electric, thermal, solar, geothermal, and more effective uses of natural gas and coal.

The Energy Technology program will also provide valuable hands-on experiences to students while benefiting the College by generating electricity that can be used to provide power to the campus.

Federal funding would be used to purchase equipment including solar and wind power generation systems, fuel cell equipment, a hydrogen generator, the installation of a geothermal unit, and for curriculum development in order to train students in alternative energy maintenance and effective uses of natural gas and coal.

Project Name: ☐ Virginia Tech SIPsmartER Nutrition Literacy Program

Amount: \$1,000,000

Recipient: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

219 Burruss Hall (0116)

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Explanation of the Request: SIPsmartER is a nutrition literacy program that aims to reduce sugar-sweetened beverage intake and reduce body weight among health disparate communities in rural southwest Virginia. SIPsmartER specifically targets low-literate individuals with high sugar-sweetened beverage consumption and delivers outreach nutritional services using three in person, small-group education sessions delivered by qualified nutrition educators and eleven automated self-monitoring messages through interactive voice response technology.

Project Name: ☐ Virginia Intermont First Generation Student Aid

Amount: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐\$250,000

Recipient: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Virginia Intermont College

1013 Moore Street

Bristol, Virginia 24201

Explanation of the Request: Funds would provide aid for first generation college students from Southwest Virginia to attend Virginia Intermont College. Through increasing the number of citizens who have a college education, this project will reduce poverty, increase the future average household income, and improve the health of the citizens

Amount: \$2,000,000

1905 American Way, Suite 102

Kingsport, Tennessee 37660

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used for the expansion and renovation of Wellmont Health System's rural emergency network: Mountain View Regional Medical Center (VA), Lee Regional Medical Center (VA), Hawkins County Memorial Hospital (TN).

This project will increase the capacity of the hospitals to receive patients from their communities, and will create new job opportunities in these economically depressed counties.

Project Name: Mountain States Health Alliance Cardiovascular Screening Vehicle

Amount: \$500,000

Recipient: ██████████ **Mountain States Health Alliance**

403 Princeton Road, Suite 5

Johnson City, Tennessee 37601

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used by Mountain States Health Alliance to purchase, equip, and operate a cardiovascular-disease screening vehicle to provide services to remote rural communities across Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Virginia, accounting for nearly one-third of all deaths in the state.

Providing cardiovascular screening in remote areas as well as at businesses, schools, and community health events will increase the availability and access to screening for all residents in the region.

Project Name: █ **Radford University Center for Mental Health**

Amount: ████████████████ **\$3,000,000**

Recipient: ██████████ **Radford University**

801 East Main Street

Radford, Virginia 24142

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used by Radford University, in partnership with The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), the Inner Resilience Program, and the Community Educational Resource Cooperative (CERC, a locally-based non-profit organization), to assist the School Districts of Floyd, Giles and Pulaski Counties to develop a sustainable implementation of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in a targeted number of schools. These selected rural counties are traditionally underserved and comprised of high numbers of low-income and at-risk students. Funds would be used to develop a plan outlining policies that support the implementation of evidence-based SEL programming in local school districts, establish an SEL program evaluation, disseminate information to educators, engage families and communities in the social and emotional learning of students served, establish a regional Social and Emotional Learning Office at Radford University, and create a regional SEL Leadership Team.

Project Name: □ King School of Medicine

Amount: \$5,000,000

Recipient: ██████████King College

1350 King College Road

Bristol, Tennessee 37620

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used by King College to develop a health sciences research program affiliated with the proposed King School of Medicine. The program would facilitate clinical, translational, and wet lab research and equipment focused on regional

epidemiologies.

Project Name: Dickenson County Flood Control

Amount: \$19,500,000

Recipient: U.S. Corps of Engineers, Huntington District

502 Eighth Street

Huntington, West Virginia 25701

Explanation of the Request: Funding is for the Dickenson County, Virginia elements of the Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River Project.

The funding was included in the President's budget request, so I am asking that the full amount of that request for this project be maintained.

The greater part of Dickenson County lies within the Russell Fork drainage basin which flows into the Levisa River. Flooding is a frequent occurrence in this area, and some floods, such as the flood of 1977, have been devastating. In 2003, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a Detailed Project Report (DPR) which outlines structural and non-structural alternatives to reduce flood damages from a recurrence of the 1977 flood or 100-year flood, whichever was greater. The DPR identified a number of homes, businesses and public buildings within the floodplain for flood protection or relocation, including Ervinton High School, Haysi High School, Sandlick Elementary School and Clinchco Elementary School. Dickenson County officials and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers agree that providing flood protection for the County's schools is the highest priority.

The study will enable an examination of the current flood protection system with regard to the requirements of a probabilistic storm based approach.

applications in the development of advanced technologies that can be used to remove impurities from coal, including ash, sulfur and mercury. In addition, the technologies can be used to clean up existing waste impoundments and enable the avoidance of the creation of new waste impoundments.

Project Name: □ **New River Community College Alternative Energy Training and Demonstration Project**

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□ **\$1,100,000**

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ **New River Community College**

5251 College Drive

Dublin, Virginia 24084

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used for the purchase of energy equipment including a three phase photovoltaic energy system and a geothermal training system.

The project would enable New River Community College to update its electrical engineering technology program to integrate training for the power industry; to develop and deliver a certification program in alternative energy; and develop workforce development courses in the energy field.

Project Name: □ Grayson County Courthouse

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□\$1,049,337

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Post Office Box 217

Independence, Virginia 24348

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used to renovate, upgrade the Grayson County Courthouse and Administration Building and develop a high performance energy efficient building with photovoltaic and geothermal renewable equipment. The building and equipment will be used by the local school system, Community College and private sector to educate and create green jobs.

Project Name: □ Southwest Virginia Clean Coal and Renewable Energy R&D Field Lab

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□\$4,550,000

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center

Post Office Box 1987

Abingdon, Virginia 24212

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used for equipment for a new clean energy research center. SWVHEC is a multi-university education and conference facility located in Washington County, Virginia.

More than 70 Bachelor's degree completion programs as well as Master's and Doctoral degrees are available at the Center.

The Center has received more than \$8 million from the Virginia Tobacco Commission to design and build a LEED Platinum field lab for research to test innovative energy processes and products.

The funding which I am requesting will be used to equip the laboratory.

Project Name: Clinch River Watershed

Amount: \$200,000

Recipient: U.S. Corps of Engineers, Nashville District

3701 Bell Road

Nashville, Tennessee 37214

Explanation of the Request: Funds would allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue

a feasibility study for ecosystem restoration and flood control in the Clinch River watershed, which includes portions of the Virginia counties of Wise, Lee, Scott, Dickenson, Russell and Tazewell. The Clinch River Basin is an area of great ecological diversity. In fact, the area has been designated by the Nature Conservancy as the top conservation priority in the nation based upon the ecological diversity and the number of federally protected species located in the basin.

Project Name: □ **Straight, Reeds, Jones and Cox Creeks**

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□ **\$400,000**

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ **U.S. Corps of Engineers, Nashville District**

3701 Bell Road

Nashville, Tennessee 37214

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used to complete the project management plan, execute a Project Partnership Agreement and complete design for the Straight, Reeds, Jones and Cox Creeks project in Lee County, Virginia. Straight, Reeds, Jones and Cox are sub-basins of the Powell River, and the aquatic ecosystems of the creeks is degraded due to acid mine drainage.

This project consists of passive treatment systems abandoned mine sites to eliminate effects of acidic discharges on the ecosystem.

Project Name: □ **New River Claytor Lake Ecosystem Restoration**

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□ **\$150,000**

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ **U.S. Corps of Engineers, Huntington District**

502 Eighth Street

Huntington, West Virginia 25701

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used to initiate and complete detailed design and initiate construction for the Claytor Lake Ecosystem Restoration project which would restore habitat features, establish emergent, transitional and terrestrial vegetation and enable construction of embayment or wetland features in Claytor Lake in Pulaski County, Virginia.

The feasibility cost share agreement for this project was executed in June 2005.

Project Name: □ **Town of Abingdon Storm Water Study**

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□ **\$55,000**

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ **U.S. Corps of Engineers, Nashville District**

3701 Bell Road

Nashville, Tennessee 37214

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used to initiate a study of the storm water problems in the Town of Abingdon, Virginia. The Town has been subject to flooding that has caused substantial property damage.

As upstream property continues to be developed in the Town and surrounding Washington County, Virginia, it is expected that the flooding problems may worsen.

It appears that many of the Town's drainage structure are not adequate to convey the storm water runoff.

Project Name: □ **Big Sandy Watershed Re-evaluation KY and VA**

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□ **\$250,000**

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ **U.S. Corps of Engineers, Huntington District**

502 Eighth Street

Huntington, West Virginia 25701

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used to initiate a study of the Big Sandy Watershed. There are six reservoir projects in the Big Sandy

Watershed. There have been requests made for additional whitewater releases at Flannagan Dam within this system.

In addition, there are regional water supply demands within the region and the need for environmental sustainability and enhancement.

The re-evaluation of the watershed which this funding would enable would allow for a collaborative watershed approach to optimize benefits of the region's project for flood damage reduction, water supply, water quality, recreation and environmental sustainability.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

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Project Name: □ **Virginia Highlands Airport Design and Land Acquisition**

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□ **\$2,000,000**

Recipient: □□□□□□□□ **Virginia Highlands Airport**

Post Office Box 631

Abingdon, Virginia 24212

Explanation of the Request: This funding would allow for design and land acquisition to

Project Name: ☐ Lonesome Pine Land Acquisition for ILS

Amount: \$500,000

Recipient: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ **Lonesome Pine Airport**

Post Office Box 1752

Wise, Virginia 24293

Explanation of the Request: This funding would allow for land acquisition for an Instrument Landing System (ILS).

Project Name:

Amount: \$1,000,000

Recipient: Blue Ridge Airport

525 Airport Road

Martinsville, Virginia 24112

Explanation of the Request: This funding would allow for land acquisition for an Instrument Landing System (ILS).

Project Name: Historic Masonic Theatre Revitalization

Amount: \$900,000

Recipient: The Masonic Theatre Preservation Foundation

Post Office Box 119

Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422

Explanation of the Request: The historic Masonic Theatre is an architectural treasure, for which a significant architectural rehabilitation is underway to restore it to its former grandeur.

This project will transform the iconic Clifton Forge structure into a performance, entertainment, education, and community facility, and will be a catalyst to enhance tourism, stimulate economic revitalization, nurture the performing arts, and encourage business development.

Federal funds would be used to support the considerable building effort necessary to restore the architectural character of the Theatre, while renovating outdated mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems.

The design incorporates construction materials and methods that are sensitive to the historic character of the structure and provides up-to-date and operationally efficient building equipment, including state-of-the-art technologies for the auditorium and other spaces throughout.

Significant expenditure is also dedicated to necessary requirements relating to health and safety of patrons such as asbestos abatement, lower level flood-proofing, accessibility provisions, and fire suppression.

Project Name: □ Konnarock Retreat House Repair and Renovation

Amount: □□□□□□□□□□\$500,000

Recipient: □□□□□□□□Konnarock Retreat House

6404 Whitetop Road

Troutdale, Virginia 24292

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used to assist with the repair and renovation of the Konnarock Retreat House. The facility, which is listed under the National Historical Sites Registry, was previously owned by the Forest Service and fell into

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used to develop the Pulaski County Wellness Center. This indoor wellness facility will operate healthy and wholesome programs and activities for citizens of all ages in order to combat and improve upon the County's reputation, supported by high-risk statistics, as one of the unhealthiest communities in the Commonwealth. Funds would be used to convert a vacant industrial facility into a wellness center, beginning with an initial renovation and inclusion of key amenities such as a walking track, rooms for exercise/education, and recreation.

Recipient: Total Action Against Poverty

Post Office Box 2868

Roanoke, Virginia 24011-2868

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used to convert The Jefferson School into 26 units of affordable housing. Market analysis, affordability surveys, and the town's own planning initiatives cite the lack of such affordable rental housing as critical to the town and to the immediate region. Using a combination of Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits, with additional support from sources that may include the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Virginia Department of Transportation, this \$4.5 million conversion will preserve an historic structure, offer gracious, durable, and affordable living, community meeting spaces, and forms a key building block toward the renaissance of the downtown historic area.

Project Name: Appalachia Service Project

Amount: \$400,000

Recipient: Appalachia Service Project

Jonesville Center

Amount: \$1,000,000

Recipient: ██████████ **Virginia Tech Airport**

1600 Ramble Road

Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used for land acquisition to lengthen the runway at the airport.

Project Name: ☐ Birthplace of Country Music Alliance Renovation

Amount: \$1,000,000

Recipient: ██████████ Birthplace of Country Music Alliance

Post Office Box 216

Bristol, Tennessee 37621

Explanation of the Request: Funds would be used for the renovation of and addition to a structure in Downtown Bristol for use as the Birthplace of Country Music Alliance Cultural Heritage Center. The Cultural Heritage Center will include temporary and permanent exhibits that trace the history, cultural influences and development of country music through audio visual experiences which will allow visitors the opportunity to experience Bristol's rich musical tradition first hand. The facility will also include space for educational initiatives, live musical performances, lectures and film series and other outreach activities. The facility will provide BCMA with a permanent facility to house its operations in furtherance of the organization's mission, which is to tell the story of the musical and cultural heritage of the region, its role in the birth and development of country music, and its influence on music around the world.